



The Newsletter of the High Country, Tolland Massachusetts

The Tolland Tattler

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OCTOBER 2004

CALLING ALL GHOSTS AND GOBLINS!!

- Hay Ride to the Pumpkin Patch
- Pumpkin Hunt
- Pumpkin Carving
- Donuts & Cider

When: Saturday, October 30th
Time 1:00pm to ?

Where: In the field on the corner of Rt 57 & Colebrook
River Road

Sponsored by the Tolland Recreation Committee

TOLLAND'S MEMORIAL FLAGS

It seemed it was time for the Town to proudly fly our United States Flag along Route 57. Our Historical Commission was able to release funds that they had available so that a purchase could be made and flags could be flown by July fourth. In all we have placed forty flags along the roadway. Won't it be great when we have every pole covered between West Granville and New Boston? Donations cover the cost of the Flags which is just a bit over Twenty-dollars each. In all \$1305.00 has been collected, which is enough to fund the purchase of an additional fourteen flags. Keep the donations coming.

The Historical Commission and The Selectmen would like to recognize the individuals and organizations who have donated to this effort. Many have asked that their donation be in the memory of someone and that information is noted. At a later date, there will be a Roll Call posted at the Town Hall.

Thanks also to our Town employees who have done a great job getting the flags in place.

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Bruce & Sue Faucher

Senator & Mrs. Michael Knapik
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ADA Coordinator: Questions, concerns, complaints or requests for additional information regarding the ADA may be forwarded to the Town of Tolland's designated ADA coordinator:

Eric Munson, Jr., Building Inspector
241 West Granville Road, Tolland, MA

Phone: (413) 258 4794 / E-mail: emunsonjr@aol.com

Days/hours available: By appointment or Mon. 5-6:00pm, Town Hall.

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Alternate Forms of this Notice: This notice is available in large print, on audio tape and in Braille from the ADA coordinator.

www.tolland-ma.gov NEWS

New additions to the website:

- Granville-Tolland Scholarship Fund meeting minutes and the ability to subscribe to them by email
- Fun events listing.
- More links to recreation areas including state forests and camp grounds

July Statistics:

- More people are using the site every day. In July there were 571 unique visitors (about 20 were internet search robots, so they are not people!) averaging 2 to 4 minutes
- 200 were repeat visitors
- 371 were one-time only. Come on back y'all!
- 1740 visitor sessions averaging almost 3 minutes each
- 56 unique files downloaded and a total of 211 file downloads of forms, the Tattler, etc. totaling 133 MB of data
- The Open Space Survey Results was the most downloaded page!
- 23,349 hits! We mustn't have a lot to do in Tolland - especially on July 18th which had the most hits in July!
- 1.94 average pages per session
- 11.60 average hits per session
- 108 pages viewed per day in July on average
- 38 people get News and Notices by email
- 15 people subscribe to Selectmen's Minutes

And more... but it might be too much information!

Can you have too much information? We don't think we're there yet, so long on... sign up for email subscriptions to committee and selectmen meeting minutes and news and notices. Be sure you know about Voting in the Federal Election, getting absentee ballots, finding out about office and Town Hall hours and getting the forms you need quickly via download!

Suggestions about new content or changes to existing content are welcome. Email them to gloriagery@juno.com

Tolland Cultural Council

The Cultural Council has set October 15th as the deadline for local applications for State Grant Funds.

October 15, 2004 is the deadline to submit all applications for grants for State funds. We need your ideas and requests.

Application Forms and Information: Application forms and additional information about the Local Cultural Council Programs are available on the MCC website: www.massculturalcouncil.org/lecgrants.html <<http://www.massculturalcouncil.org/lecgrants.html>>

Information about prior grants in Tolland, Committee members, etc. is available on www.tolland.ma.gov <<http://www.tolland.ma.gov/>> . Click here to navigate to that page.

The local Cultural Council Program, of which Tolland is a part, is a grant program of the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), a state agency. The MCC allocates funds to each of Massachusetts' 351 cities and towns to support local cultural activities. This is the largest program of its kind in the United States.

Contact: Shirley Warner, Co-chair (413) 268-4225 or email at swcedar@earthlink.net

Tolland is part of the Greater Westfield Chapter of the American Red Cross.

The Red Cross is in need of contributions to handle disaster relief in Florida where many of our friends and family live Florida has been devastated with hurricanes and tornadoes and is expected to be hit again.

Please make a special donation for this relief effort. You can mail your tax deductible contribution to:

American Red Cross
Westfield Chapter
48 Broad Street
Westfield, MA 01086

Assistance in Reaching Hurricane Victims: Contact the Westfield Chapter at 413 562-9684 for assistance in contacting anyone involved in the hurricane disasters – or to obtain information about them.

Tolland is part of the Greater Westfield Chapter of the American Red Cross which would provide immediate response services to Tolland residents in time of local disaster.

This mission of the American Red Cross is to improve the quality of human life; to enhance self-reliance and concern for others, and to help people avoid, prepare for anew cope with emergencies. It does this through services that are governed and directed by volunteers and are consistent with its Congressional Charter and the principles of the American Red Cross.

The Greater Westfield Chapter services the following communicates: Blandford, Chester, Granville, Montgomery, Russell, Southwick, Tolland, Westfield and Woronoco. It also reaches beyond these borders by sending qualified disaster volunteers wherever disaster strikes throughout our country.

Call 413 562-9684 for information, requests for service or to donate needs funds. You can also register for a course, donate blood at a blood drive or become a volunteer.

From the Board of Selectmen:

The Board of selectmen has requested that anyone wishing to speak with the Selectmen need to contact the Selectmen's Assistant to be placed on the meetings agenda

The Selectmen meet every Monday night at the Town Hall at 6:00pm.

Tolland Public Library

Welcome to fall! Here's to apple pie, couch corners, woodstoves and good books. Here are some new arrivals....

IN PRINT...

Skinny Dip by Carl Hiaasen
Hand Knitting; New Directions by Allison Ellen
My Life by Bill Clinton
The Egyptologist by Arthur Phillips
White Hot by Sandra Brown
The 101 Dalmatians by Dodie Smith
Hemlock Bay by Catherine Coulture in Large Print
Timeline by Michael Crichton in Large Print
Darkness Take My Hand by Dennis LeHane

ON DVD

Ella Enchanted
National Geographic Ultimate World War II Collection
National Geographic Egypt Eternal

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge. They read and read and read. I am so pleased that they came to see me and joined in the challenge.

Josh Saulenas
Stephanie Saulenas
Julie Carroll
Billie Carroll
Lillian Kelmelis
Sheridon McAlister
Bruce McAlister
Brandon Keiderling
Taylor Keiderling

I hope everyone is having a good start to the school year. Remember we are open on Monday after school if you need any help with research. Come see what we can find for you.

Thanks to a donation from Lillian Kelmelis the Library has a Leap Frog Leap Pad for circulation. This is a wonderful addition for beginning and pre-readers. The unit will be signed out for one week and will be non-renewable. It includes several different level books.

Keep your eyes open for new additions to the Library and for upcoming winter events.

Bears! Bears! Bears!

Black Bears in Massachusetts

Have you wondered how to get a bear to stop destroying your bird feeder? Or what the tags in their ears mean? Or how to get them out of your garage or off your chicken coop? Have you just caught a glance of one and wondered when they hibernate or what they eat? When do they breed? Are they dangerous? Can they get rabies? How many are out there? Now is the time to have your questions answered- come learn everything you ever wanted to know about bears!

Who:

James E. Cardoza, Wildlife Biologist and Bear expert for the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

What:

James Cardoza will present a slide show and have a question and answer period. He will cover all aspects of bear biology and management.

When:

October 7, 2004 from 7-9 p.m.

Where:

Tolland Town Hall, Route 57, Tolland, Ma.
Refreshments will be provided.

Granville's 23rd Annual Harvest Fair

Columbus Day Weekend

October 9-11, 2004

Granville will hosts its Annual Harvest Fair from the Village School to the Town Hall - a mile of delicious foods, delightful entertainment, arts and crafts, exhibits and tag sales await visitors, rain or shine, indoors and outdoors.

Parking at either end of the mile long festivities will allow you to take the free shuttle bus. At the Village School, by the east end of the fair there are vendors galore with their hand-made/homemade goods for sale and lively entertainment. A short walk to the Public Library takes you to a giant book sale as well as more craftspeople and food. Next door is the Church providing Gourmet Coffee and across the road is the Granville Country Store. Craft vendors and food served by the Fire/Police Departments and Lions Club fill the Town Green. Take the bus up the hill to the 1802 Meeting House and the most glorious display of quilts by the renowned Granville Quilt and Needlework Guild. Here there are more crafters as well as Granville cheese on a slice of hot apple pie. Walk across the road to the Pottery and to the stand where bags of apples are sold. And a few more steps to the west end of the fair and the Granville Gallery. Parking is available at the Town Hall where the buses turn around for the ride back down the hill.

Antique Shops, we have them! Orchards and gourmet ice cream! Many 17th and 18th century homes, lots of those! Magnificent vistas of all foliage in abundance! Granville is celebrating its 250th birthday in 2004. We are decked out in our finest and welcome all to come and visit our annual fair on

Saturday from 10-5, Sunday from 12-5 and Monday from 10-5.

We hope to see you in Granville on Columbus Day Weekend. Questions? 413 357-8585

Scholarship Committee News

Thanks to the generous support of our communities, the Granville-Tolland Citizens Scholarship Foundation was able to award a record setting \$14,980.00 dollars to 30 students.

The following students are the recipients:

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| Jari Barnowski | John Sadowski |
| Brittany Canfield | Gregory Miller |
| Ashley Columbia | Christopher Canfield |
| Elyssa Evans | Ashley Bell Clark |
| Nathaniel Holmes | Erica Jayne Forish |
| Michael Kornely | Justin Fuller |
| Diane LaTaille | Douglas Gladding |
| Edmund St. Laurent | Andrea M. Gogol |
| Justin Simeone | Nicholas Jones |
| Sara Skibski | Aslyne Kellogg |
| John Soulena | Kristin Kornely |
| Timothy McGorty | Linda LaTaille |
| Christopher Bouwer | Ian McAlister |
| Sara St. Laurent | Devon MacIver |
| Jared Stromgren | Casey Stromgren |

Certificates of the Awards were sent out in July. Enclosed was a letter of instructions on when to write Mr. Meiklejohn for him to be able to send your scholarship to the school you are attending. Congratulations to you all and best of luck in this upcoming school year.

"News Flash"

We are looking for names and addresses of recipients of past scholarships. Part of receiving a scholarship is the promise to help when you are able to give back to the community that helped you when you needed it. If we could find a way of contacting these former student scholarship recipients, maybe they will be in the position of giving back. What we would like to do is add their names and addresses to our mailing list.

Anyone that has some information could you please call Sheila Spencer at 357-6439 or e-mail me at spencer13@peoplepc.com.

Hope everyone had a great summer. Look for us at the Harvest Fair.

Granville - Tolland Citizens Scholarship Foundation, Board of Directors

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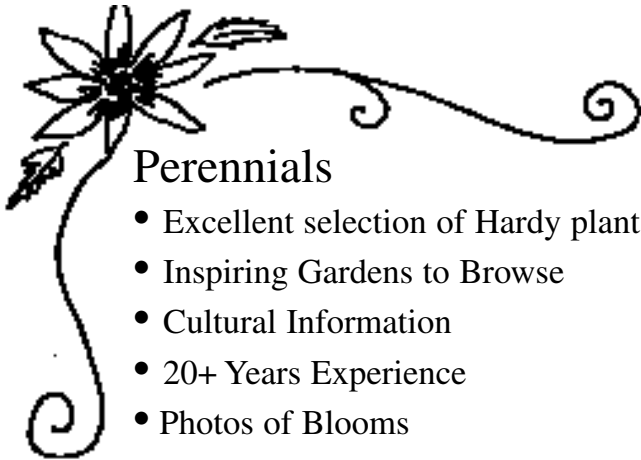
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An advertisement for Summit Kennels. The top half features a collage of several different breeds of dogs, including a golden retriever, a black and white dog, and a small dog. A dark rectangular box with the text "SUMMIT KENNELS" is overlaid on the collage. The bottom half of the ad contains contact information for dog boarding services.

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Wanted!!

*Women of Tolland...
join us for an evening of fun, friendship and food.*

Tuesday, October 12 at 7:30pm at the Tolland Town Hall

We look forward to welcoming our friends, old and new.

Tolland Womens' Club

Sandisfield Arts Center

*October is the Sandisfield Arts Center's busiest month
filled with music, poetry, and mask-making.*

On Saturday, October 2nd at 8 P.M. The Flexible Flyers Stringband performs Americana roots music on twin fiddles, banjo, dobro, guitar, mandolin and upright bass, with harmonized vocals. Their repertoire ranges from delicately ornamented Irish reels and traditional southern songs, to driving old-time fiddle tunes and western swing. The group captures the essence of these authentic acoustic styles with band members Taylor Chip Smith, Maggie Holtzberg, Peter LaBau, John Price, and Brian Rost. They have performed at The Lizard Lounge, Tanglewood, Newport Folk Festival and the Prairie Home Companion show among others. Tickets are \$15.

Local author, Val Coleman, reads from a porridge of his stories, plays and poems on Saturday, October 9th at 8 P.M. in the downstairs café. Says Coleman, "If you ask me, I'll tell you that I am five feet eleven and three quarters inches tall and that that missing quarter inch is the story of my life." This event is free to the public and wine and cheese will be served.

On Sunday, October 10th at 3 P.M., 13-year-old, piano-prodigy, Ben Michael takes the stage in celebration of the Arts Center's new baby grand piano, donated by Jan and Bill Cohn of Sandisfield. A student of Herb Burtis of Sandisfield, and occasionally of Peter Serkin, Ben has shown an ability to master technically and musically complex and stylistically differing piano repertoire. This free program will illustrate his range and versatility. Among his offerings will be Beethoven's Sonata Opus 81 known as "Les Adieux," Brahms Rhapsody Opus 79, and Poulenc's, "Histoire de Babar, le petit elephant," narrated by Ben Luxon of Sandisfield.

This piano recital memorializes Jan Cohn, who died at the age of 70 in July. Mrs. Cohn was a professor of American Literature and American Studies and the first woman to serve as Trinity College Dean of Faculty in Hartford, Connecticut. She was a highly productive scholar with five books and more than 40 articles to her name. She was also a Trustee of the Norman Rockwell Museum and the Sandisfield Arts Center.

On Saturdays, October 2nd and 9th from 10 A.M. to 12 Noon, Jim Spieler, a local puppeteer and artist, will lead a two-session mask-making workshop using everyday materials and objects – just in time for Halloween! This workshop is offered free to families through the generous support of Berkshire Bank, the High Meadow Foundation, and the Sandisfield and Monterey Cultural Councils.

The Sandisfield Arts Center is located on Hammertown Road off Route 57 in Sandisfield. Originally a Baptist meeting house and orthodox synagogue, this historic 1839 building is known for its great acoustics and small-town charm. Reservations are recommended but not required. Call (413) 258-8166 for more information or visit www.sandisfieldartscenter.org.

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The Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs.*

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Sandisfield, Massachusetts 01255

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With Best Wishes from...

Senator Mike Knapik

2nd Hampden & Hampshire District

Senate District Office:

57 North Elm Street
Westfield, MA 01085
Phone (413) 562-6454

Paid for by the Knapik Committee, Richard E. Onofrey, Jr., Treasurer, 45 Ridgecrest Drive, Westfield, MA 01085

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FAX: 860-738-1731

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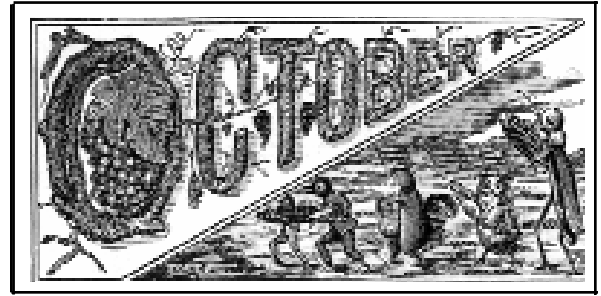
Mon. & Thurs. - 8:00am to 4:00pm

Friday - 8:00am to 12:00pm

Town Clerk's and Assessor Clerk's hours:

Mon. - 1:00-4:00 & 6:00 -7:00 pm

OCTOBER 2004



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|---|--|--------|--|
| Library Hours: Mon. 3:00pm - 8:30pm Thurs. 11:00am - 4:00pm Sat. 10:00am -12:00pm | | | | | 1 | 2 9 - 11:00 am DUMP |
| 3 3:00 - 7:00 pm DUMP | 4 5 - 6pm Building Insp. 6:00pm Selectmen 6:00pm Police Chief | 5 | 6 6:00pm Finance Committee 5-7pm DUMP | 7 BEARS! 7:00pm - Talk at Town Hall | 8 | 9 9 - 11:00 am DUMP |
| 10 3:00 -7:00 pm DUMP | 11 COLUMBUS DAY Town Hall Closed | 12 TOLLAND LADIES' CLUB 7:30-Town Hall | 13 Last day to Reg. to Vote for Nov. 2nd 2-4pm and 7-8pm 5-7:00pm DUMP | 14 | 15 | 16 9 - 11:00 am DUMP |
| 17 3:00 - 7:00 pm DUMP | 18 5 - 6pm Building Insp. 6:00pm Selectmen 7:00 Planning Board. | 19 | 20 5-7:00pm DUMP | 21 | 22 | 23 9 - 11:00 am DUMP |
| 24 /31 3:00 - 7:00 pm DUMP | 25 5 - 6pm Building Insp. 6:00 pm Selectmen | 26 6:00pm Board of Assessor's | 27 5-7:00pm DUMP | 28 | 29 | 30 1:00pm HALLOWEEN PARTY 9 - 11:00 am DUMP |

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